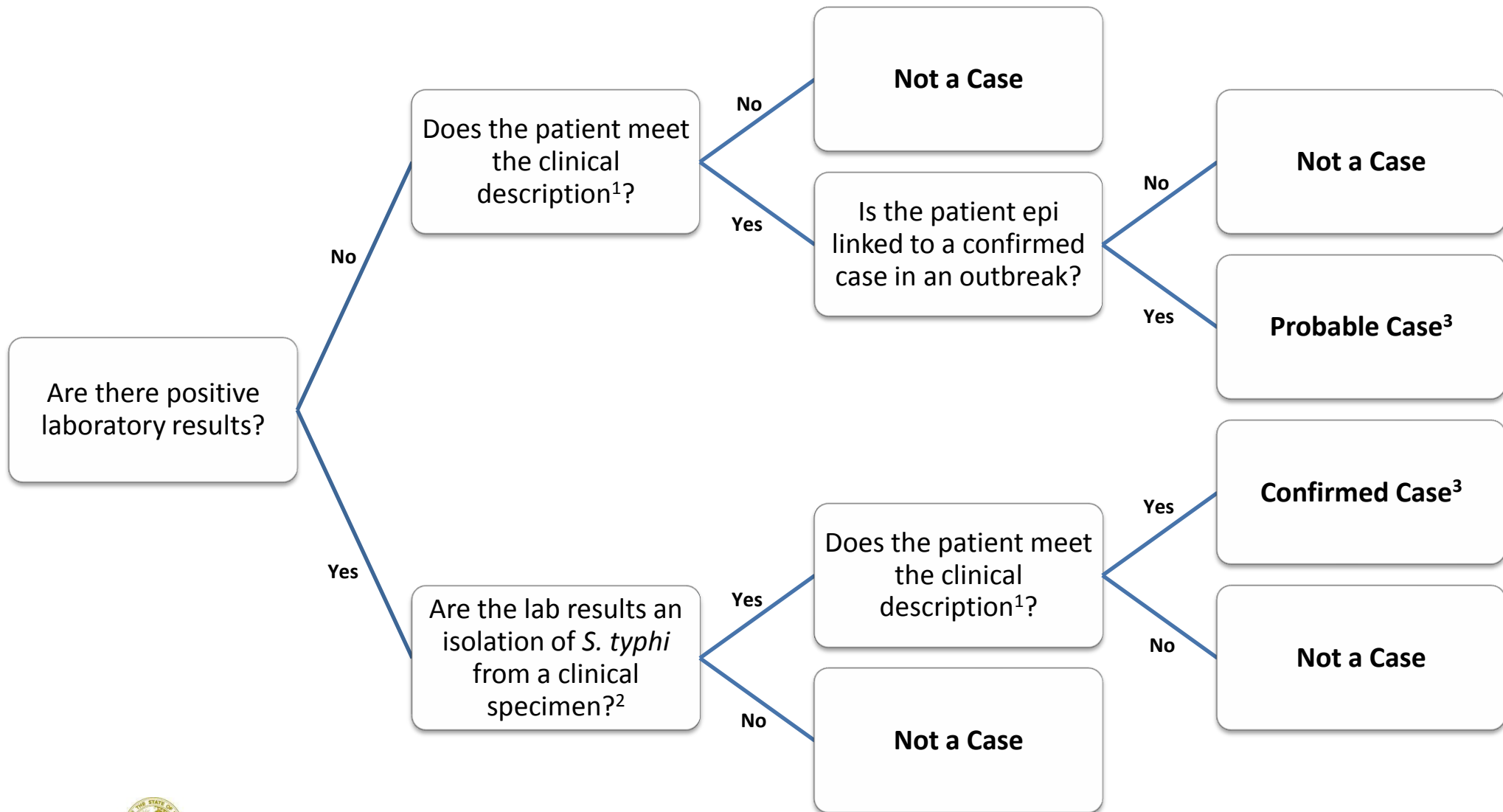


# Typhoid Fever Case Classification Flow Chart

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## **Typhoid Fever (*Salmonella typhi*)**

- <sup>1</sup> **Clinical Description:** An illness caused by *S. typhi* that is often characterized by insidious onset of sustained fever, headache, malaise, anorexia, relative bradycardia, constipation or diarrhea, and nonproductive cough. However, many mild and atypical infections occur. Carriage of *S. typhi* may be prolonged.
- <sup>2</sup> **Isolation:** Isolation of the organism is required for confirmation. Serologic evidence alone is not sufficient for diagnosis. Asymptomatic carriage should not be reported as typhoid fever. Isolates of *S. typhi* are reported to the Foodborne and Diarrhea Diseases Branch, Divisions of Bacterial and Mycotic Diseases, National Center for Infectious Diseases, CDC, through the Public Health Laboratory Information System (PHLIS).
- <sup>3</sup> **Confirmed/Probable Case:** Complete the Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever Surveillance Report and send to the CDC as specified on the form.